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THE SLAUGHTER SEASON.—It seems that Germany has abandoned Zeppelin warfare. It is either because such warfare failed of its purpose per se, or because her enemy found means successfully to suppress it. Anyhow, one means that was going to crush England fails.

Thus far, the "unrestricted" submarine warfare has only caused England to tighten her belt, and present signs indicate that even this emergency measure is petering out. England's export trade the past month was even greater than that of previous months. The British already have armed 50 per cent of their merchant ships and discovered that 75 per cent of those attacked escape.

Germany has expected much of her novelties, the Zeppelin and the sea-going submarine. They have not proved to be the crushers designed to be. It looks as if Germany must rely upon her armies finally, as if she must concentrate her great land strength for a vital drive at some point. Maybe this is what those big retirements before the British in Flanders mean. And the success of this will almost wholly depend upon how well the allies have used the time they have had in which to prepare.

There is still Germany's navy, a great one. It is very likely that she'll send her navy out in earnest before she'll retire to her last lines of defense. She may make a combined army and navy drive. War-mad Europe will probably see more men driven into the grave during the next few months than ever before in a similar period.

YOUR TUMMIE.—The stomach is not a bucket simply to be filled as fast as possible. And yet we often stuff a 30-minute meal into ten and think it safe. We can fill a pail full of any old thing and hurt nobody, but the human body has a right to be consulted as to what goes into its food box. Its protest against abuse is registered in terms of nausea, vomiting, gastritis, pain and a loss of appetite, sooner or later. The human tissues cry out against the use of the stomach as a loading place for alcohol, opium, nicotine or other poisons.—Chicago Health Bulletin.

USE HIM WELL!—Mr. William Howard Taft, professor of international law at Yale university, is to tour the south and southwest to impress the folks of those regions with proper appreciation of their duty to defend their rights.

Mr. Taft was at one time president of the United States, a position in which he learned many things knowledge of which nobody suspected him of possessing until after he lost his job. Indeed, it is lately remarked that it is surprising how much good sound sense and wisdom a man like Mr. Taft can disclose after he is let out of the presidency.

The south and southwest will find Mr. Taft a large, hale and hearty citizen, not to say a perfectly heavenly lecturer in defense of rights. The south and southwest should temporarily lay aside their bowies and 44's and receive Mr. Taft with tremendous audiences and tumultuous applause.